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ANNUAL FUR CATCH OF THE UNITED STATES

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The raw fur catch in the United States for the season 1944-45 was estimated to be worth between 75 and 100 million dollars. The Bureau of Internal Revenue collected \$68,814,902.08 in taxes on sales of furs and fur-trimmed apparel sold at retail during the calendar year 1944. This sum, representing a 10% tax up to April 1 and 20% for the balance of the year, indicates that the retail sales of fur apparel during the year 1944 amounted to about \$426,280,793, and is \$13,000,000 more than last year.

The production and conservation of fur animals in the wild during the past ten years has not only kept some of our finer species from utter extinction but has insured a continuing supply. It is difficult to understand the limited active interest on the part of the fur trade in matters pertaining to the protection and increase of fur animals. Here is an industry whose very existence depends upon a natural resource over which it cannot exercise any direct control. Yet trappers, country collectors, raw-fur receiving houses and other branches of the fur trade year after year take as many furs as they can possibly get with only the profit motive in mind.

The future necessarily is uncertain and surely the day will come when farmers, land owners, trappers, and country collectors will need to scratch for a living. Within the next year thousands of trappers may return to the marshes, fields, and woods. They should not be permitted to clean out the breeding stock of fur animals or the entire crop that will be produced during the next breeding season. It might not be necessary in all States to shorten prevailing trapping seasons although in some instances that seems necessary; but in some States a constructive effort might well be made to set aside restricted areas as preserves for fur animals and thereby increase the production and build up this natural resource. This would not only serve to insure a constant supply of furs in years to come but would also provide the farmers and landowners with additional revenue and perpetuate the fur trade. Unless we can produce greater quantities of furs in this country much of the trade will pass into the hands of foreign countries which produce large quantities of furs and exercise a close control over the supply.

Regulations governing the trapping of fur animals are made by the individual States, not by the Federal Government. The animals should be taken when the fur is prime, and the pelts should be handled with care so that the trapper will receive the highest market price for them.

Information on the numbers of some species of fur animals taken annually in the United States and the places where trapped is meager. Lack of complete data in this conservation field prevents a good estimate of the annual take of furs. Growing popular interest in the conservation of wildlife may well result in the restoration of fur animals to a point approaching their former productivity. It is important that the public know how much of the natural wealth in furs is harvested each year, for it is only through the assembling of such data that the annual fur take can be so regulated as to insure the preservation of an adequate breeding stock.

ALABAMA

Alabama does not require reports from trappers on the number and kinds of fur animals taken or from fur dealers on the number and kinds of furs handled, and therefore, could not furnish information on the fur catch. Trappers are required to purchase and attach metal tags to all furs before putting them on the market. Opossum, skunk, muskrat, and weasel required 2¢ tags, raccoon and mink required 15¢ tags, and fox and otter required \$1 tags. In 1944, 2,809 fur catcher's licenses were sold for \$2.50 each; 52,625 tags at 2¢ each; 42,524 tags at 15¢ each; and 1,126 tags at \$1 each.

ALASKA

(Not including the Pribilof Islands)

Species	1937 <sup>1/</sup>	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1939 <sup>1/</sup>	1940 <sup>1/</sup>	1941 <sup>1/</sup>	1942 <sup>1/</sup>	1943 <sup>1/</sup>	1944 <sup>1/</sup>
Bear:								
Black . . .	108	112	158	158	70	81	133	160
Polar . . .	31	81	37	82	33	42	100	71
Beaver . . .	1,882	30,889	31,397	14,630	20,606	12,071	15,146	8,516
Coyote . . .	1,330	1,355	1,507	2,080	1,208	460	376	797
Fox:								
Red . . .	21,549	15,076	21,366	9,031	12,574	12,537	4,916	6,916
Cross . . .	2,118	2,186	2,278	1,501	1,484	1,468	1,240	1,831
Silver . . .	1,031	1,103	614	632	466	428	262	406
White . . .	4,899	3,519	4,187	4,622	6,515	2,154	4,800	4,552
Blue . . .	10,434	11,403	9,426	7,598	6,483	4,693	1,783	1,101
Hare . . .	110	335	89	270	60	110	195	700
Lynx . . .	2,089	2,130	2,705	1,698	781	639	713	990
Marmot . . .	201	81	121	1,196	154	40	201	20
Marten . . .	16,969	9,237	1,287	9,626	707	240	8,182	13,352
Mink . . .	52,436	39,866	42,883	43,702	31,782	53,060	33,705	61,038
Muskrat . . .	231,842	291,140	417,442	453,300	511,805	267,356	212,352	142,530
Otter . . .	3,007	2,892	2,759	2,804	2,188	2,821	1,547	2,772
Squirrel . . .	613	204	979	720	1,760	980	1,122	1,850
Weasel . . .	8,453	9,755	13,828	9,895	8,580	11,280	3,892	5,508
Wolf . . .	730	640	405	444	599	464	351	418
Wolverine . . .	369	248	226	326	232	161	92	87
Total	360,201	422,252	553,696	564,295	608,087	371,085	291,108	253,615

<sup>1/</sup> Calendar year.

Pribilof Islands

Species	1940 <sup>1/</sup>	1941 <sup>1/</sup>	1942 <sup>1/</sup>	1943 <sup>1/</sup>	1944 <sup>1/</sup>	1945 <sup>1/</sup>
Fox:						
White . . .	12	11	5	..	..	11
Blue . . .	1,246	640	829	..	..	616
Seal . . .	65,263	95,013	150	117,164	47,652	76,964
Total	66,521	95,664	984	117,164	47,652	77,591

<sup>1/</sup> Fiscal Year

ARIZONA

Species	1939 <sup>1/</sup>	1940 <sup>1/</sup>	1943 <sup>1/</sup>	1944 <sup>1/</sup>
Badger . . . . .	21	35	9	80
Beaver . . . . .	...	...	...	368
Bobcat . . . . .	114	149	32	178
Coyote . . . . .	314	500	145	326
Fox:				
Gray . . . . .	...	...	210	247
Kit or swift . . . . .	...	...	16	17
All species . . . . .	464	600	...	...
Muskrat . . . . .	216	315	1,053	189
Raccoon . . . . .	47	40	44	19
Ringtail cat . . . . .	215	196	24	14
Skunk:				
Common large . . . . .	107	137	54	184
Spotted . . . . .	79	12	...	7
Wolf . . . . .	2	11	180	12
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	27	98	132
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,579</b>	<b>2,022</b>	<b>1,865</b>	<b>1,773</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Calendar year

The trapper's license was abolished in Arizona for several years. At present however, separate hunting and trapping licenses are issued, and reports of the annual catch are required. The above figures represent the catch reported, but according to the State they should be multiplied by ten to give the approximate total catch. The above total does not include animals caught by the Fish and Wildlife Service.

ARKANSAS

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Bobcat . . . . .	263	452	43	573	299	194
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	...	1,091	2,089	15,270	15,585	11,811
Red . . . . .	...	45	96	274	1,112	777
Mink . . . . .	13,126	16,170	22,509	24,429	18,417	14,469
Muskrat . . . . .	5,487	2,485	2,568	3,072	3,998	3,552
Opossum . . . . .	335,418	341,830	313,224	430,980	341,571	169,808
Raccoon . . . . .	23,657	47,439	55,236	66,429	51,398	48,011
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	49,140	52,912	51,371	54,706	38,596	19,983
Spotted . . . . .	2,166	1,582	1,605	1,444	1,830	1,062
Weasel . . . . .	418	226	302	432	515	259
Wolf . . . . .	1	12	17	34	11	17
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	39	715	65	8	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>429,676</b>	<b>464,283</b>	<b>449,775</b>	<b>597,708</b>	<b>473,340</b>	<b>269,943</b>

The State law requires fur buyers to report at the end of each season the number and kind of furs purchased and the prices paid for them.

CALIFORNIA

Species	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44
Badger . . . . .	130	164	156	224	106	135
Cat:						
House . . . . .	489	518	451	244	148	167
Ringtail . . . . .	783	983	1,491	1,458	683	693
Coyote . . . . .	2,605	3,710	3,285	4,359	2,766	4,186
Fisher . . . . .	2	2	5	5	4	1
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	3,046 <sup>1/</sup>	3,601 <sup>1/</sup>	5,047 <sup>1/</sup>	5,531 <sup>1/</sup>	2,499 <sup>1/</sup>	3,555 <sup>1/</sup>
Red or Cross	...	...	12	17	4	8
Swift . . . . .	...	...	217	503	20	78
Marten . . . . .	295	510	402	543	136	165
Mink . . . . .	1,865	1,908	1,710	1,617	778	2,105
Muskrat . . . . .	36,216	69,596	68,318	69,247	65,524	57,331
Opossum . . . . .	485	829	1,485	1,504	598	794
Otter (River)	45	52	26	41	33	58
Raccoon . . . . .	4,067	4,922	7,265	8,880	4,473	7,106
Skunk:						
Spotted . . . . .	787	933	1,368	1,195	459	637
Striped . . . . .	7,381	11,487	14,535	14,096	6,365	10,457
Weasel . . . . .	99	185	171	245	74	48
Wildcat . . . . .	2,254	2,474	2,776	3,239	1,923	2,898
<b>Total</b>	<b>60,549</b>	<b>101,874</b>	<b>108,720</b>	<b>112,948</b>	<b>86,593</b>	<b>90,421</b>

<sup>1/</sup> Includes Red and Cross foxes.

COLORADO

Species	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44
Badger . . . . .	1,017	1,581	568	918
Bobcat . . . . .	1,275	1,787	983	1,146
Civet cat . . . . .	790	909	340	661
Coyote . . . . .	10,375	15,269	9,229	10,368
Foxes . . . . .	413	1,486	267	356
Marten . . . . .	...	379	...	...
Mink . . . . .	1,164	1,003	1,217	1,010
Muskrat . . . . .	90,529	158,856	128,420	175,355
Raccoon . . . . .	...	180	...	...
Ringtail cat . . . . .	...	223	7	7
Skunk . . . . .	14,262	16,845	7,523	13,897
Weasel . . . . .	1,804	2,200	2,028	1,485
<b>Total</b>	<b>121,629</b>	<b>200,718</b>	<b>150,582</b>	<b>205,203</b>

CONNECTICUT

Species	1934 <sup>1/</sup>	1935 <sup>1/</sup>	1936 <sup>1/</sup>	1937 <sup>1/</sup>	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1940 <sup>1/</sup>
Bobcat . . . . .	48	40	47	63	12	18
Canada lynx . . . . .	44	44	1	...	...	...
Fisher . . . . .	18	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, all species . . . . .	3,895	3,703	4,216	3,783	3,390	4,053
Mink . . . . .	896	1,118	1,043	634	341	704
Muskrat . . . . .	24,054	25,940	17,539	11,507	13,820	24,452
Otter . . . . .	36	38	21	...	10	35
Raccoon . . . . .	3,745	4,179	4,055	2,753	2,134	2,693
Skunk, common large . . . . .	5,886	5,610	6,776	5,082	3,369	5,034
Squirrel . . . . .	42,704	45,618	30,497	...	35,026	36,824
Weasel . . . . .	747	933	989	497	463	632
Total	82,029	87,179	65,184	24,319	58,565	74,445

<sup>1/</sup> Calendar year

DELAWARE

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942-43	1943-44
Muskrat . . . . .	160,000	210,000	180,000	59,643	63,552	68,181	40,178
Opossum . . . . .	3,000	3,000	4,000	1,071	1,177	...	...
Otter . . . . .	50	35	25	...	...	...	...
Raccoon . . . . .	2,000	2,500	3,000	810	1,538	1,936	1,015
Total	165,050	215,535	187,025	61,524	66,267	70,117	41,193

The above figures are estimated from license returns, which have been in effect only since 1936.

FLORIDA

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Opossum . . . . .	6,578	3,036	2,807	2,753	3,048	487	4,310
Otter . . . . .	...	502	544	506	816	609	271
Raccoon . . . . .	31,230	69,524	40,798	34,919	46,304	40,984	20,692
Skunk . . . . .	...	2,039	1,306	1,240	1,307	1,807	1,042
Total	37,808	75,101	45,455	39,418	51,475	43,887	26,315

GEORGIA

Species	1937	1938
Bear . . . . .	1	1
Bobcat . . . . .	16	36
Fox:		
Red . . . . .	137	103
Gray . . . . .	569	427
Mink . . . . .	2,381	1,786
Muskrat . . . . .	1,130	848
Opossum . . . . .	4,792	3,594
Otter . . . . .	202	152
Raccoon . . . . .	15,648	11,736
Ringtail cat . . . . .	5	2
Skunk:		
Common large . . . . .	984	752
Spotted . . . . .	23	17
Weasel . . . . .	56	42
Miscellaneous . . . . .	...	4
<b>Total</b>	<b>25,944</b>	<b>19,500</b>

Georgia does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. The above information, however, was furnished by the State Department of Natural Resources.

IDAHO

Species	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	1,526	...	...	...	...	1,000
Bear . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	120
Beaver . . . . .	702	4,079	4,838	2,589	6,645	7,000
Bobcat . . . . .	293	...	...	...	...	1,190 <sup>1/2</sup>
Canada lynx . . . . .	401	...	...	...	...	...
Coyote . . . . .	14,217	...	...	...	...	15,850
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	43	...)	...	...	...	...
Red . . . . .	250	...)	...	...	...	...
Red or Cross . . . . .	...	271)	1	6	...	...
Cross . . . . .	6	...)	...	...	...	...
Marten . . . . .	1,492	2,118	...	40	...	...
Mink . . . . .	2,566	2,832	5	54	...	3,650
Mountain lion . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	35
Muskrat . . . . .	205,698	134,591	89	225	...	146,000
Otter . . . . .	38	42	1	1	...	...
Raccoon . . . . .	286	397	...	8	...	110
Skunk, common large . . . . .	3,356	...	...	...	...	1,120
Weasel . . . . .	4,172	...	...	...	...	...
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>235,026</b>	<b>144,330</b>	<b>4,934</b>	<b>2,923</b>	<b>6,645</b>	<b>176,075</b>

<sup>1/2</sup> Includes lynx.



## ILLINOIS

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942
Fox, red and gray .	1,944	3,926	10,292	10,760	7,145	6,232	16,636
Mink . . . . .	12,312	21,593	33,239	48,581	42,254	18,880	19,362
Muskrat . . . . .	213,840	323,895	413,823	729,077	664,831	307,179	249,100
Opossum . . . . .	22,680	25,519	97,755	132,585	171,590	61,897	94,774
Raccoon . . . . .	4,212	6,281	26,734	30,732	34,577	20,245	27,130
Skunk, common large	11,016	30,426	47,338	45,263	36,681	21,103	22,580
Total	266,004	411,640	629,181	996,998	957,078	435,536	426,582

## INDIANA

Species	1937	1938	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	...	...	82	61	172	222
Fox, red and gray .	9,131	7,624	6,788	24,620	34,542	10,140
Mink . . . . .	18,114	19,234	10,825	15,169	24,088	13,714
Muskrat . . . . .	351,927	433,116	195,406	297,789	540,562	292,077
Opossum . . . . .	146,210	170,039	77,907	238,517	249,505	61,005
Raccoon . . . . .	24,472	32,206	22,938	78,026	113,652	29,257
Skunk, common large	70,464	49,582	20,777	33,511	37,879	11,882
Weasel . . . . .	3,794	...	2,232	5,407	10,447	168
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	1	...	...	...
Total	624,112	711,801	336,956	693,100	1,010,847	418,465

The State law requires only licensed fur buyers to report annually on the furs purchased.

## IOWA

Species	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44	1944-45
Badger . . . . .	412	486	470	586	257	538	354
Beaver . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	235	247
Civet . . . . .	...	...	...	...	38,508	60,238	41,005
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	7,403	5,706	6,505	6,137	6,560	8,695	9,559
Gray . . . . .	1,900	1,413	1,730	1,967	1,823	2,516	2,226
Mink . . . . .	27,783	2,877	38,817	33,650	23,297	52,760	46,825
Muskrat . . . . .	308,015	46,003	350,700	262,007	262,562	722,360	452,275
Opossum . . . . .	23,303	39,050	30,131	33,839	29,691	35,579	27,293
Raccoon . . . . .	15,014	16,465	19,756	22,512	20,128	38,303	36,558
Skunk:							
Common large . . . . .	124,322	91,838	74,251	68,840	( 32,437	( 53,199	( 35,489
Spotted . . . . .	43,971	56,708	63,256	60,944	(	(	(
Weasel . . . . .	4,529	6,692	8,290	4,440	2,982	3,966	2,830
Wolf . . . . .	162	183	259	202	209	926	381
<b>Total</b>	<b>556,814</b>	<b>267,421</b>	<b>592,165</b>	<b>495,124</b>	<b>418,454</b>	<b>979,315</b>	<b>655,042</b>

The State law requires fur buyers to report the total number of furs purchased. Individual trappers need not report their annual catch except where furs are sold outside the State.

## KANSAS

Species	1938	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	205	2,911	1,050	538	1,152	938
Beaver . . . . .	30	...	368	292	350	246
Bobcat . . . . .	...	150	...	...	...	...
Coyote . . . . .	10,957	14,022	18,392	16,758	22,953	23,987
Fox:						
Red . . . . .	501	...	...	...	...	...
All species. . . . .	...	1,965	1,387	1,574	1,792	1,252
Mink . . . . .	1,398	2,271	1,529	1,239	1,618	1,381
Muskrat . . . . .	77,923	119,918	121,671	116,758	121,256	116,297
Opossum . . . . .	78,440	155,945	148,322	133,652	147,852	118,314
Raccoon . . . . .	9,375	8,374	9,744	11,215	16,774	15,666
Ringtail cat . . . . .	86	...	...	...	...	...
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	110,245	151,800	153,216	149,888	151,758	(175,515
Spotted . . . . .	21,604	47,219	48,874	45,322	48,337	(
Weasel . . . . .	170	170	...	...	...	...
Wolf . . . . .	2,492	1,047	983	1,153	1,558	...
Miscellaneous . . . . .	160	348,065	...	...	...	...
<b>Total</b>	<b>313,586</b>	<b>853,857</b>	<b>505,536</b>	<b>478,339</b>	<b>515,400</b>	<b>453,596</b>

Kansas does not require trappers to make an annual report of furs taken. The figures were obtained from reports made by fur dealers.

KENTUCKY

Kentucky has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually, as the State law does not require trappers to make an annual report.

LOUISIANA

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942-43	1943-44
Badger . . . . .	...	...	...	1	...	...
Bivet cat . . . . .	...	...	...	...	231	...
Fox . . . . .	...	...	1,235	3,311	3,727	...
Mink . . . . .	82,480	89,000	85,391	112,425	128,311	144,717
Muskrat . . . . .	3,110,540	3,346,280	6,432,025	5,405,425	3,946,978	4,440,638
Opossum . . . . .	131,000	126,320	45,561	122,203	78,738	91,724
Otter . . . . .	920	760	1,273	1,713	1,399	2,404
Raccoon . . . . .	87,300	86,000	71,419	163,895	164,199	...
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	48,500	48,900	4,655	13,797	( 17,349	( 28,052
Spotted . . . . .	...	...	...	49	(	(
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	...	1	...	...
Miscellaneous . . . . .	2,700	2,780	144	824	48	11,027
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,463,440</b>	<b>3,700,040</b>	<b>6,641,703</b>	<b>5,823,644</b>	<b>4,470,498</b>	<b>5,230,480</b>

The State law requires trappers to submit three monthly reports during the trapping season on the number of fur animals taken and to pay a severance tax on each pelt, and fur dealers to report the number of furs purchased.

MAINE

Species	1936	1937	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Bear . . . . .	281	...	...	...	180	58	19
Beaver . . . . .	1,018	2,429	3,647	6,927	3,049	2,583	5,683
Bobcat . . . . .	687	722	607	414	177	133	105
Canada lynx . . . . .	...	6	...	...	...	...	...
Fisher . . . . .	51	10 <sup>1/2</sup>	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, red . . . . .	6,005	6,127	5,614	4,869	7,841	4,503	6,144
Garten . . . . .	38	1 <sup>1/2</sup>	( <sup>1/2</sup> )	...	...	...	...
Mink . . . . .	3,646	3,283	3,171	3,990	3,952	1,726	1,600
Muskrat . . . . .	40,245	40,083	39,133	42,634	27,339	17,552	13,532
Otter . . . . .	164	166	153	149	169	129	89
Raccoon . . . . .	2,830	3,189	1,288	1,186	1,971	715	1,579
Skunk, common large . . . . .	5,170	6,005	4,499	3,775	4,629	2,571	1,968
Weasel . . . . .	5,498	3,318	2,564	2,408	1,919	691	958
<b>Total</b>	<b>65,633</b>	<b>65,339</b>	<b>60,676</b>	<b>66,352</b>	<b>51,276</b>	<b>30,661</b>	<b>31,544</b>

<sup>1/2</sup> No open season.

The State law requires trappers to report the annual catch and fur buyers the numbers of furs purchased.

MARYLAND

Maryland does not require either trappers or fur dealers to make annual reports on the number of furs taken or sold. An estimate made by the State Game Warden for the fiscal year 1938 indicates that about 2,000,000 muskrats were taken; in 1940 the reported take was 1,500,000, the same number was estimated for the 1941 catch; 800,000 were taken in 1943; and the same number was estimated for 1944.

MASSACHUSETTS

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Bobcat . . . . .	186	75	99	307	266	86	108
Canada lynx . . . . .	17	20	36	33	28	2	...
Fox;							
Red . . . . .	6,851	6,519	4,122	5,599	5,061	5,078	3,505
Gray . . . . .	874	861	645	927	853	951	670
Mink . . . . .	2,090	2,425	1,297	1,089	1,404	1,414	562
Muskrat . . . . .	38,636	41,482	38,746	52,139	41,874	42,392	22,981
Otter . . . . .	103	112	70	118	128	103	78
Raccoon . . . . .	4,147	3,667	2,103	2,708	2,064	2,184	1,273
Skunk, common large	7,025	12,617	8,367	11,252	7,901	9,395	4,733
Weasel . . . . .	834	985	638	868	626	476	304
Total	60,763	68,763	58,123	75,026	60,205	62,081	34,214

MICHIGAN

Species	1937-38	1938-39	1939-40	1940-41	1941-42	1942-43	1943-44
Badger . . . . .	894	653	927	859	681	573	1,840
Beaver . . . . .	7,668	6,422	7,180	6,824	2,251	6,464	2,703
Bobcat . . . . .	529	532	598	528	529	375	2,538
Coyotes . . . . .	2,580	2,016	1,805	1,427	1,376	1,501	1,905
Mink . . . . .	17,345	22,810	25,619	22,477	37,220	24,662	37,861
Muskrats . . . . .	526,157	1,017,801	1,065,281	584,644	719,585	343,834	995,443
Opossum . . . . .	18,227	24,224	29,367	10,637	13,940	56,113	51,993
Otter . . . . .	...	...	270	164	...	154	160
Raccoon . . . . .	29,300	41,940	45,923	33,077	45,516	35,631	71,859
Red fox . . . . .	1,967	3,159	3,602	2,984	5,212	10,812	22,450
Skunks . . . . .	52,909	44,831	42,669	28,418	39,459	37,421	31,722
Weasel . . . . .	29,306	42,315	35,473	22,164	29,717	11,282	34,343
Wolf . . . . .	44	35	30	90	54	79	166
Total	686,926	1,206,738	1,258,744	714,293	895,540	528,901	1,254,983

The State law requires reports from trappers on their annual catch and from fur dealers on furs purchased.

MUNNESOTA

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Badger . . . . .	1,471	989	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	1,211
Beaver . . . . .	...	...	11,048	(1/)	7,668	4,259	10,385
Bobcat . . . . .	487	1,017	782	1,267	604	231	450
Canada lynx . . . . .	114	156	263	3,815	138	55	33
Coyote . . . . .	2,491	2,096	1,073	4,049	940	660	653
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	3,108	5,388	6,697	...	...	...	...
Gray . . . . .	837	1,908	2,786	4,530	2,746	1,619	2,590
Cross . . . . .	...	...	121	...	...	...	...
Silver . . . . .	123	...	21	...	...	...	...
Red, cross, silver	...	...	...	21,483	9,014	5,903	11,178
Mink . . . . .	37,977	33,089	30,512	50,287	53,657	34,615	50,375
Muskrats . . . . .	102,017	...	2,558	850,815	867,608	1,449,760	1,957,217
Opossum . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	59
Raccoon . . . . .	5,573	4,840	5,410	10,052	8,088	5,237	8,063
Skunk:							
Common large . . . . .	54,911	61,157	79,932	130,454	136,768	60,968	81,674
Spotted . . . . .	3,036	2,668	3,644	3,504	8,226	6,566	10,267
Squirrel . . . . .	...	...	5,808	1,493	9,369	9,880	...
Weasel . . . . .	88,997	76,315	68,566	110,435	100,475	87,878	50,303
Wolf . . . . .	192	382	225	715	164	163	128
Total	301,334	190,005	219,446	1,192,899	1,205,465	1,667,794	2,184,586

1/ No open season

MISSISSIPPI

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1943-44
Bobcat . . . . .	...	229	75	81	92	1,274
Fox:						
Gray . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	1,120
Red . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	682
Mink . . . . .	14,792	19,601	9,935	8,046	8,652	38,783
Muskrat . . . . .	18,101	34,151	7,375	9,123	6,680	52,122
Opossum . . . . .	54,000	69,670	39,795	32,546	22,008	93,556
Raccoon . . . . .	15,602	23,000	16,045	12,717	11,284	46,327
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	7,632	10,351	8,700	6,567	3,196	20,624
Spotted . . . . .	338	707	240	99	124	10,320
Weasel . . . . .	357	503	195	321	192	1,172
Total	110,822	158,212	82,360	69,500	52,228	265,980

The State law does not require trappers to submit an annual report of their catch. Mississippi does, however, distribute cards to the trappers through the wardens when the licenses are issued. No data was made available by the State between 1939 and 1942.

MISSOURI

Species	1935	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944 <sup>1/</sup>
Fox:						
Red . . . . .	5,458	5,997	9,745	10,479	10,191	14,674
Gray . . . . .	2,933	4,683	4,880	4,691	6,686	11,648
Mink . . . . .	11,598	18,460	13,262	7,888	6,926	10,436
Muskrat . . . . .	67,058	96,000	120,000	85,468	109,969	182,846
Opossum . . . . .	221,700	452,454	463,119	331,386	359,605	319,827
Raccoon . . . . .	15,644	28,639	11,000	13,517	14,547	27,598
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	121,648	165,176	156,102	97,759	70,760	60,236
Spotted . . . . .	20,753	45,169	55,440	30,446	22,339	19,120
Weasel . . . . .	4,585	1,587	1,023	1,308	1,210	1,464
Total	471,377	818,165	834,571	582,942	602,233	647,849

<sup>1/</sup>1944 is tentative

Until 4 years ago Missouri did not require either trappers or fur traders to submit annual reports on furs; but the State law now requires reports of fur traders, and the above data was obtained from such reports.

MONTANA

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 <sup>1/</sup>	1944
Beaver . . . . .	7,811	8,427	6,748	12,752	17,717	11,161	7,175	11,855
Bobcat . . . . .	...	35	...	...	...	...	...	...
Coyote . . . . .	...	7,090	8,571	7,814	...	...	...	...
Fox:								
Red . . . . .	...	...	2,575	3,858	2,950	1,830	...	400
Kit or swift . . . . .	4,155	3,547	...	...	...	...	...	...
Marten . . . . .	...	...	...	...	2,379	...	...	...
Mink . . . . .	4,862	5,149	2,936	8,814	8,544	4,413	...	7,698
Mountain lion . . . . .	34	42	...	...	...	...	...	...
Muskrat . . . . .	48,224	51,902	35,308	195,290	117,839	70,039	...	75,739
Otter . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	23
Raccoon . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	329	...	679
Total	65,086	76,192	56,138	228,528	149,429	87,772	7,175	96,394

<sup>1/</sup>Figures not available for other fur bearers.

The State law does not require trappers to report on furs taken, except those of beavers. These figures were obtained from shipping permits, which are required when furs are snipped out of the State.

NEBRASKA

Species	1937	1938	1940	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	2,800
Beaver . . . . .	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,700	...	2,768
Bobcat . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	100
Coyote <sup>2/</sup> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	16,360
Mink . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	11,820
Muskrat . . . . .	...	...	...	(1/)	113,500	262,100
Opossum . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	19,180
Raccoon <sup>2/</sup> . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	8,680
Red fox . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	500
Skunk:						
Striped . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	82,080
Spotted . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	35,260
Weasel . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	4,200
Total	2,000	2,000	4,000	2,700	113,500	445,848

<sup>1/</sup> No open season.

<sup>2/</sup> By trapping only. Also taken by hunters but not included in above figures.

Nebraska does not require trappers to report on furs taken except those of beavers. The 1943-44 information is based on fur report cards returned by 4.9% of active licensed trappers.

NEVADA

Nevada has no available information on the number of fur animals taken annually, but hopes to report such next year.

NEW HAMPSHIRE

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941 <sup>1/</sup>	1942 <sup>1/</sup>	1943 <sup>1/</sup>	1944
Bear . . . . .	27	8	...	2	4	78	49	3
Beaver . . . . .	...	2	4	294	1,023	...	887	907
Bobcat . . . . .	138	72	37	67	63	207	142	110
Canada lynx . . . . .	17	8	1	...	2	...	...	1
Fisher . . . . .	...	...	...	...	1	...	2	1
Fox:								
Red . . . . .	3,021	2,352	...	...	...	...	...	4,000
All species . . . . .	...	...	3,667	3,938	4,093	3,408	4,668	62 <sup>2/</sup>
House cat . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	3
Marten . . . . .	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Mink . . . . .	1,185	966	1,390	1,689	2,136	1,335	1,188	1,128
Muskrat . . . . .	7,911	9,021	16,551	11,785	12,750	9,104	9,004	9,404
Otter . . . . .	37	21	39	66	65	40	28	45
Raccoon . . . . .	2,330	1,110	1,567	1,173	2,069	1,129	1,903	947
Skunk, common large	1,591	1,282	1,335	929	1,741	1,423	1,126	1,118
Weasel . . . . .	302	157	258	137	225	162	67	148
	16,559	14,999	24,849	20,080	24,172	16,886	19,064	17,821

<sup>1/</sup> The data on the bear kill is not complete for hunters are not required to report on the number taken. There is, however, a bounty of \$5.00, and it is assumed that about 40% of the bears killed are reported.

<sup>2/</sup> Silver fox.

## NEW JERSEY

Species	1936 <sup>1/</sup>	1937 <sup>1/</sup>	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1939 <sup>1/</sup>	1940 <sup>1/</sup>	1941 <sup>1/</sup>	1942 <sup>1/</sup>
Fox:							
Red and gray <sup>2/</sup> .	1,512	1,465	1,539	1,385	1,857	1,150	1,082
Mink . . . . .	912	793	983	1,052	825	527	441
Muskrat . . . . .	143,691	119,831	149,679	167,535	194,628	155,590	218,974
Otter . . . . .	50	1	19	7	20	2	...
Skunk, common large	11,827	10,986	9,316	12,444	12,883	7,454	7,077
Squirrel . . . . .	73,274	84,205	109,399	139,093	181,476	140,134	121,490
Weasel . . . . .	7,644	4,647	4,430	5,899	4,398	3,023	3,937
Total	238,910	221,928	275,365	327,415	396,087	307,880	352,001

<sup>1/</sup> Calendar year.

<sup>2/</sup> In 1943, 1,402 red and gray foxes were taken. In 1944, 1,669 were taken.

## NEW MEXICO

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	817	829	1,000	946	700
Beaver . . . . .	1,100	1,160	803	847	1,430
Bobcat . . . . .	3,403	5,151	7,292	3,989	4,000
Coyote . . . . .	9,982	21,978	30,178	28,036	27,000
Fox:					
Gray . . . . .	1,313	3,274	3,300	3,598	5,000
Swift . . . . .	261	289	400	455	460
Mink . . . . .	32	79	30	28	35
Mt. lion . . . . .	...	87	90	80	75
Muskrat . . . . .	11,841	25,077	20,000	18,702	20,500
Opossum . . . . .	1	...	10	22	10
Raccoon . . . . .	122	302	400	460	500
Ringtail cat . . . . .	383	1,006	1,000	752	1,500
Skunk:					
Common large . . . . .	6,244	11,357	10,000	7,820	8,000
Spotted . . . . .	111	254	200	193	200
Weasel . . . . .	...	18	15	13	15
Miscellaneous . . . . .	20	1	100	110	25
Total	35,630	70,862	74,818	66,051	69,450



NEW YORK

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942
Bear . . . . .	52	92	63	77	81	84	71
Beaver 3/ . . . . .	...	2,014	2,639	(1/)	(1/)	3,055	4,075
Bobcat . . . . .	77	64	36	163	220	210	72
Fisher . . . . .	275	...	223	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	...
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	11,229	15,500	19,452	25,852	27,865	23,515	16,903
Gray . . . . .	4,757	4,980	5,250	6,975	8,996	6,012	6,055
Marten . . . . .	409	...	302	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	...
Mink . . . . .	5,488	5,722	6,022	9,712	10,492	10,314	8,713
Muskrat . . . . .	148,852	157,494	176,712	264,276	335,657	369,188	279,934
Opossum . . . . .	2,291	3,041	3,792	6,116	4,750	3,916	3,327
Otter . . . . .	500	...	416	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	...
Raccoon . . . . .	23,427	24,190	25,345	27,459	27,751	22,647	7,389
Skunk:							
Common large	33,347	36,701	33,952	41,170	46,681	43,547	28,628
Squirrel . . . . .	506,742	188,903 <sup>2/</sup>	266,143	261,715 <sup>2/</sup>	315,847 <sup>2/</sup>	200,329	217,478
Total	737,446	438,701	540,397	643,515	778,340	682,817	572,645

1/ Closed season.

2/ This figure includes fox, gray, and black squirrels.

3/ In 1943, 2,152 beavers were taken; 1944, 3,138 beavers.

New York advises that figures on the annual fur catch for the above years should perhaps be increased 50 percent because of the large number of licensees who did not report.

NORTH CAROLINA

Species	1940	1941	1942	1944
Bear . . . . .	100	...	...	...
Bobcat . . . . .	100	250	153	169
Fox:				
Gray . . . . .	6,500	19,000	12,591	24,514
Red . . . . .	...	500	336	169
Mink . . . . .	...	32,000	10,323	40,053
Muskrat . . . . .	72,000	147,000	92,772	110,864
Opossum . . . . .	56,000	99,000	76,173	41,129
Raccoon . . . . .	58,000	110,000	73,506	33,800
Skunk, common large . . . . .	3,500	12,000 <sup>1/</sup>	8,388	7,267
Weasel . . . . .	2,000	8,000	3,117	1,701
Total	198,200	427,750	277,359	259,666

1/ This figure also includes spotted skunks.

North Carolina does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from fur dealers and should be considered only as estimates of the total fur catch.

NORTH DAKOTA

Species	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	2,500	(1/)	2,294	1,773	2,275
Beaver . . . . .	950	1,800	1,391	1,137	1,571
Bobcat (lynx). . .	...	...	268	43	127
Coyote . . . . .	...	...	3,065	2,359	4,214
Fox, all species .	15,000	20,000	7,927	7,935	20,382
Jackrabbit . . . .	...	...	1,172,256	150,487	171,420
Mink . . . . .	7,000	10,000	3,087	2,982	7,638
Muskrat . . . . .	...	...	37,781	36,391	178,518
Raccoon . . . . .	...	...	1,331	847	1,717
Skunk. . . . .	175,000	225,000	116,771	62,900	110,135
Weasel . . . . .	25,000	175,000	57,062	44,790	28,882
Total	225,450	431,800	1,403,233	311,644	526,879

1/ No open season.

The above figures are estimates of the number of fur animals taken. North Dakota does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs and, therefore, is unable to furnish accurate reports.

OHIO

Species	1937	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943 <sup>1/</sup>
Fox.						
Red . . . . .	14,300	5,459	5,204	6,887	7,540	10,657
Gray . . . . .	3,500	3,719	2,725	12,311	1,610	8,721
Mink . . . . .	46,000	12,095	9,758	15,434	4,833	12,314
Muskrat . . . . .	1,200,000	707,055	536,376	832,806	277,389	770,828
Opossum . . . . .	470,000	123,659	214,200	162,497	60,986	131,433
Raccoon . . . . .	64,000	18,724	21,424	49,460	22,712	35,018
Skunk, common large . . . .	670,000	81,049	157,579	82,734	12,636	48,361
Weasel . . . . .	63,000	15,795	11,351	10,774	3,812	7,547
Total	2,530,800	967,555	958,617	1,172,903	391,518	1,024,879

Ohio does not require trappers to report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from reports of licensed fur dealers to which 20% was added in order to cover furs shipped by trappers out of the State and which are not handled by licensed Ohio dealers.

1/ 10% only added to cover furs shipped out of the State.

## OKLAHOMA

Species	1934	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	315	174	212	430	208	108	509
Bobcat . . . . .	...	71	128	134	83	76	142
Coyote . . . . .	945	973	1,323	2,292	1,468	1,806	2,349
Fox, gray . . . . .	...	...	...	1,438	1,141	898	1,475
Mink . . . . .	13,860	2,906	2,196	2,272	2,003	1,846	3,775
Muskrat . . . . .	38,430	8,206	6,450	6,725	6,638	7,810	9,279
Opossum . . . . .	813,330	361,139	276,681	220,625	220,912	222,903	182,310
Raccoon . . . . .	10,080	2,012	2,318	3,099	3,226	3,350	4,843
Skunk:							
Common large . . . . .	173,565	94,947	95,862	80,564	71,443	54,148	67,013
Spotted . . . . .	49,140	19,565	15,641	9,603	7,836	4,958	6,234
Weasel . . . . .	930	39	36	66	...	...	...
Wolf . . . . .	...	229	431	513	435	243	282
Miscellaneous:							
Red fox . . . . .	...	595	47	131	...	...	86
Total	1,100,595	490,856	401,325	327,892	315,393	298,146	278,297

## OREGON

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1942 <sup>2/</sup>
Badger . . . . .	556	447	160	201	...
Bear . . . . .	35	64	25	41	...
Beaver . . . . .	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Bobcat . . . . .	...	1,382	982	955	...
Coyote . . . . .	2,897	2,645	1,797	1,845	...
Fisher . . . . .	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Fox . . . . .	...	97	106	153	...
Marten . . . . .	273	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Mink . . . . .	8,937	6,623	5,301	5,545	1,908
Mountain lion . . . . .	37	58	...	50	...
Muskrat . . . . .	49,876	49,125	37,492	57,589	36,299
Otter . . . . .	213	145	129	121	55
Raccoon . . . . .	3,645	1,813	1,344	1,342	1,021
Ringtail cat . . . . .	185	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Skunk:					
Common large . . . . .	5,314	3,615	3,612	4,314	...
Spotted . . . . .	...	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)	(1/)
Weasel . . . . .	991	786	532	815	...
Wolf . . . . .	35	6	7	...	...
Total	72,994	66,806	51,487	72,971	39,283

<sup>1/</sup> No open season.

<sup>2/</sup> Based on 50 percent returns.

PENNSYLVANIA

Species	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942	1943	1944
Beaver . . . . .	1,222	541	371	1,195	1,143	2,414	1,281
Bobcat . . . . .	131	11	11	9	18	3	30
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	5,115	4,633	5,968	7,548	6,871	6,604	11,850
Gray . . . . .	9,790	8,919	7,861	7,846	6,647	8,032	10,354
Mink . . . . .	10,073	7,069	7,858	6,736	7,449	6,326	10,785
Muskrat . . . . .	579,767	319,396	301,275	373,249	511,775	486,368	610,968
Opossum . . . . .	71,427	87,656	103,516	70,831	67,257	65,445	110,850
Otter . . . . .	...	...	13	15	14	...	21
Raccoon . . . . .	25,484	26,046	28,975	34,639	35,959	30,140	46,692
Skunk, common large	341,382	260,585	229,168	255,439	228,037	148,075	163,584
Weasel . . . . .	80,843	29,200	38,313	22,363	18,120	26,274	25,527
Total	1,125,234	754,056	723,329	779,870	883,290	779,681	991,942

Pennsylvania requires both trappers and fur dealers to report on the annual take and handling of furs.

RHODE ISLAND

Rhode Island does not require trappers and fur dealers to submit annual reports on furs, and therefore is not able to furnish figures.

SOUTH CAROLINA

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1941	1942	1943
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	53	35	49	50	42	65	48
Gray . . . . .	2,511	2,640	2,514	2,214	2,103	2,809	3,021
Mink . . . . .	7,708	10,766	11,408	7,183	6,308	7,442	7,896
Muskrat . . . . .	7,821	7,524	7,738	7,732	6,851	8,630	9,862
Opossum . . . . .	16,040	16,048	15,511	16,085	14,212	16,443	19,766
Otter . . . . .	105	64	77	73	68	97	108
Raccoon . . . . .	20,615	29,660	28,305	18,307	15,524	20,425	21,988
Skunk:							
Common large .	...	...	...	...	...	228	287
Spotted. . . .	203	169	207	205	217	...	...
Total	55,056	66,906	65,809	51,849	45,325	56,139	62,976

The State law does not require trappers to make an annual report on furs taken. These figures were obtained from permits for shipment of furs out of the State.

SOUTH DAKOTA

South Dakota does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. It is estimated, however, that 1,000 beavers were trapped in each of the fiscal years 1937, 1938, and 1939, and 2,500 in 1940.

TENNESSEE

Species	1941-42	1942-43 <sup>1/</sup>	1943-44 <sup>1/</sup>
Fox:			
Red . . . . .	1,334	899	474
Gray . . . . .	41,210	1,377	927
Mink . . . . .	952	373	524
Muskrat . . . . .	14,259	5,375	5,822
Opossum . . . . .	126,076	32,203	22,983
Raccoon . . . . .	4,395	1,610	1,194
Skunk . . . . .	16,401	15,695	12,645
Weasel . . . . .	604	144	113
Total	205,231	57,676	44,682

<sup>1/</sup> Tennessee does not feel that the returns for these years are complete even though the wholesale fur-dealers report sharp declines in fur takes since the 1942 season.

TEXAS

Species	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941 <sup>1/</sup>
Badger . . . . .	2,732	4,189	2,493	1,115	1,059	1,019
Beaver . . . . .	...	...	43	61	72	127
Fox:						
Red . . . . .	...	...	6	...	(	...
Gray . . . . .	15,782	29,397	28,925	24,949	(40,278	44,692
Kit or swift . . . . .	...	...	527	...	(	...
Mink . . . . .	17,893	18,416	18,730	8,289	5,269	17,317
Mountain lion . . . . .	...	...	...	1	15	...
Muskrat . . . . .	19,051	6,355	2,569	229,734	184,798	107,908
Opossum . . . . .	639,117	711,069	397,336	308,060	128,341	393,146
Raccoon . . . . .	47,073	36,409	23,380	29,339	39,286	80,218
Ringtail cat . . . . .	25,995	59,482	14,476	29,646	73,163	83,707
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	96,696	160,086	75,988	81,542	( 93,204	140,943
Spotted . . . . .	18,007	25,128	18,644	10,234	(	9,963
Texas lynx . . . . .	...	...	1,082	570	...	3,607
Weasel . . . . .	...	...	75	5	10	44
Wolf . . . . .	...	...	6,170	5,698	6,123	6,626
Miscellaneous . . . . .	218	596	...	1	1,249	...
Total	882,564	1,051,127	590,444	729,244	572,867	889,317

<sup>1/</sup> The 1941 figures represent about 50% of the dealers.

Texas records are not representative, due to incomplete fur dealer returns (only 10% reporting some years). Reports are not required of trappers and the law requiring fur dealers to report has not proven practicable of enforcement, under Texas conditions. Figures shown are for the dealers reporting, no attempt being made to estimate numbers for the dealers not reporting.

UTAH

Species	1935	1936	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Beaver . . . . .	374	209	256	593	600	800	800	1,200	1,297	2,216

Utah does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken, except those of beavers, for which there is no open season. Beavers are taken only when they are doing damage.

VERMONT

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Bear . . . . .	11	10	15	...	...	...	...	...
Bobcat . . . . .	15	7	21	...	...	...	...	...
Fox, red . . . . .	8,432	10,621	8,810	4,678	7,528	9,513	8,502	14,042
Mink . . . . .	3,406	3,304	2,822	2,571	2,562	4,517	2,759	3,727
Muskrat . . . . .	61,680	88,367	62,611	39,022	32,144	48,897	42,956	58,607
Raccoon . . . . .	10,590	12,293	6,081	3,971	5,906	6,976	4,580	7,989
Skunk, common large	24,485	20,700	19,146	9,506	13,210	20,767	12,720	10,552
Weasel . . . . .	2,244	1,644	938	868	822	1,049	311	613
	110,863	136,946	100,444	60,616	62,172	91,719	71,828	95,530

Vermont does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken. Fur dealers however, must report on the furs purchased.

VIRGINIA

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Bear . . . . .	1	3	...	6	1	2	1
Bobcat . . . . .	24	241	255	209	123	134	189
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	651	917	1,062	1,006	1,079	1,083	2,581
Gray . . . . .	9,140	10,147	10,248	9,816	8,795	8,126	18,701
Silver & cross .	...	8	15	28	12	94	143
Mink . . . . .	6,043	7,056	6,367	5,143	3,721	2,673	5,846
Muskrat . . . . .	132,950	165,005	150,976	124,347	100,416	124,586	242,739
Opossum . . . . .	119,767	125,716	105,148	68,808	72,030	55,153	130,501
Otter . . . . .	148	(1/)	(1/)	58	...	210	1,279
Raccoon . . . . .	13,797	13,479	11,814	12,000	10,517	10,215	23,374
Skunk, common large	89,514	84,687	84,544	59,421	65,279	55,936	99,705
Squirrel . . . . .	188	311	28	405	1,488	179	73
Weasel . . . . .	3,929	5,107	5,039	2,870	2,114	1,691	3,224
Miscellaneous . . .	131	...	...	248	117	370	433
	376,283	412,677	375,496	284,365	265,692	260,452	529,089

1/ No open season.

Virginia does not require trappers to make reports on furs taken, but fur buyers must report on furs purchased.

Species	1937	1939	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	369	63	10	28	32	11
Bobcat . . . . .	2,316	1,840	608	949	903	...
Coyote . . . . .	6,062	7,750	5,826	5,194	6,584	..
Fox, red . . . . .	50	69	50	85	83	17
Marten . . . . .	8	(1/)	...	(1/)	(1/)	460
Mink . . . . .	6,257	6,764	5,361	5,618	3,728	8,000
Mountain lion . . . . .	151	162	92	65	72	...
Muskrat . . . . .	35,159	63,010	77,669	80,804	57,486	82,078
Otter . . . . .	155	247	281	279	125	393
Raccoon . . . . .	1,585	1,943	2,309	2,599	1,766	4,087
Skunk:						
Common large . . . . .	2,372	2,981	1,898	2,353	547	1,350
Spotted . . . . .	410	690	432	441	370	282
Weasel . . . . .	1,230	983	388	445	160	236
Wolverine . . . . .	1	...	...	...	...	...
Miscellaneous . . . . .	514	...	...	...	...	813/
Total	56,639	86,502	94,924	98,860	71,856	97,154

1/ No open season.

2/ Special season.

3/ 76 nutria and 5 opossum.

## WEST VIRGINIA

Species	1938 <sup>1/</sup>	1939 <sup>1/</sup>	1940 <sup>2/</sup>	1941 <sup>2/</sup>	1942	1943	1944 <sup>3/</sup>
Bear . . . . .	126	38	...	...	...	...	...
Bobcat . . . . .	478	431	...	296	93	71	53
Fox:							
Red . . . . .	2,424	3,407	3,045	3,302	3,194	3,720	2,030
Gray . . . . .	9,041	13,376	7,539	13,477	8,499	8,363	5,128
Mink . . . . .	3,033	4,479	5,652	4,068	3,943	1,703	1,293
Muskrat . . . . .	47,541	50,952	64,693	69,210	64,178	57,503	24,831
Opossum . . . . .	91,532	124,399	159,844	147,088	114,753	131,125	33,189
Raccoon . . . . .	6,571	9,946	10,273	14,737	9,774	7,535	3,774
Skunk, common large . . . . .	141,658	139,203	168,841	150,137	105,641	158,336	37,077
Weasel . . . . .	4,299	7,973	11,447	9,513	5,609	2,664	1,337
Miscellaneous . . . . .	1,176	170	269	200	600	156	76
Total	307,879	354,374	431,603	412,028	316,284	371,236	108,788

1/ Estimates, based on information furnished by fur dealers.

2/ Based on reports required by law to be filed by licensed fur dealers with the State Conservation Commission.

3/ A change instituted in 1944 required fur dealers to report furs bought by calendar year rather than fiscal year as licenses are so issued.

WISCONSIN

Species	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Badger . . . . .	513	4,597	1,142	2,062	1,625	679	1,227
Beaver . . . . .	4,355	5,135	(1/)	5,992	3,910	4,564	7,720
Bear . . . . .	157	186	438	314	(1/)	647	684
Bobcat & lynx	593	402	293	180	283	191	283
Coyote & wolf	1,824	1,587	1,131	913	924	885	924
Fox, red & gray	23,807	14,389	10,903	9,007	10,756	10,622	21,498
Mink . . . . .	30,275	16,553	34,412	20,818	34,606	26,155	43,898
Muskrat . . . . .	428,803	117,391	983,303	495,258	819,639	658,255	951,695
Opossum . . . . .	1,581	3,023	5,951	4,927	8,168	7,372	7,598
Otter . . . . .	156	142	444	188	203	117	135
Raccoon . . . . .	10,369	10,553	13,688	13,685	15,935	17,965	26,192
Skunk . . . . .	57,565	70,768	61,493	50,669	69,392	36,506	48,768
Squirrel . . . . .	515,238	1,176,161	1,106,910	1,039,306	706,374	788,264	589,372
Weasel . . . . .	33,047	22,356	23,138	20,987	24,443	6,935	21,154
Total	1,106,083	1,443,243	2,243,246	1,664,306	1,696,258	1,559,207	1,721,148

1/ No open season.

WYOMING

Species	1937	1938	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943	1944
Beaver . . . . .	2,835	3,022	6,175	15,115	10,946	7,738	7,164	7,145

Wyoming does not require trappers to make reports of furs taken, with the exception of those of beavers.

